operation. In addition, work on the following lignite based power projects is in progress:

(i) Neyveli Second Mine Cut Stage-II Unit 4 (210 MW).

(ii) Neyveli Second Mine Cut Stage-I Zero Unit (1x210 MW).

(iii) Kutch Lignite Extension Unit-3 (70 MW).

**Coal-gas based power plant at Dankuni, West Bengal**

964. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a coal-gas based power plant at Dankuni, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such projects are envisaged at the coal pitheads in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Capacity utilisation of Hydel Plants**

965. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the capacity utilisation percentage of hydroelectric power plants in the country during the last three years and what is the expected percentage during the current financial year;

(b) what specific steps are being taken to improve the capacity utilisation of power plants;

(c) whether there is any plant to take over some power plants from State sector to Central Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The capacity utilisation of hydro-electric stations during the last three years and during 1992-93 (April 1992 to January 1993), is given below:—

| Year | Installed Capacity in the beginning of the year (MW) | Design Energy MU | Actual Generation MU | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 (4/92 to 1/93) . . . | 19191.62 | 56242 | 59576 | 105.9 |
| 1991-92 . . . . . | 18752.62 | 65909 | 72599 | 110.2 |
| 1990-91 . . . . . | 18307.12 | 65456 | 71535 | 109.3 |
| 1989-90 . . . . . | 17797.22 | 64828 | 61996 | 95. |

Note: The hydro generation during last three years is more than the designed energy due to gr availability of water.